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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Game on! – without bleachers, sprinklers

Football field, gym open with temporary fixes for seating, safety

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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After a “soft” opening, Agawam High School’s new multi-use artificial field is in use and girls volleyball has returned to its home gymnasium as crews continue to work toward full completion of the \$9.2 million athletic facilities project.

After delays in the pouring the track and lack of substantial completion by the original due date, Aug. 26, pushed Agawam’s fall sports season off campus, games finally began on the new playing surface on Monday, Oct. 3.

Volleyball games were pushed out of Agawam High School’s gymnasium because work was

still being done to one of the locker rooms, and it is still not yet completed.

Specifically, there is a lack of a fully functioning fire suppression system. In order to work around that issue, Athletic Director David Stratton said he hired a firefighter to be on duty, much like when police officers are hired for games with larger crowds.

“By hiring the firefighter to be present, the fire inspector allowed us to use the gym for games,” said Stratton.

The fire system is nearing completion this week, just in time for the school’s first-ever Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which is scheduled to take place Sunday, Oct. 16, in the gymnasium.

Outside, the 1,500-person capacity bleachers were still not complete as of last week. At last Friday night’s Agawam-Minnechaug football game, the large crowd used temporary bleachers at the east end of the facility, and several more spectators stood and watched the action from the fencing surrounding the track and playing field.

“I thought it worked out pretty well,” said Stratton. “While we do not have everything completed, the games we had earlier this week gave me a good idea of how many police officers we might need for a game.”

Stratton said he already no-



The Agawam Brownies football team takes to its new field for the first time last Friday. The artificial turf was ready — but the bleachers were not. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Tractor attraction



Tyler Gamache was delighted to hop into the driver’s seat of this 1977 Hefty G tractor during a tractor show last Saturday at Cecchi Farms. The 5-year-old Agawam resident visited the show with his parents. More photos on page 14. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Vintage tractors are parked side-by-side during the show at Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills.

ELECTION 2016

Vote early, vote late

Polls open 2 weeks before November 8, including evening, weekend hours

By Lisa Connell
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For the first time ever in Massachusetts, all registered voters will be able to cast their votes before Election Day, which is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Agawam residents, like those of larger cities and towns, will be able to complete ballots during weekday business hours, starting Oct. 24, and a few selected evening and Saturday hours in the two weeks that follow.

According to Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia, registered voters in Agawam and Feeding Hills can vote at Town Hall, 36 Main St.,

Agawam, on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 24 through Nov. 4; and during the following dates and times at other sites:

- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam.

- Thursday, Oct. 27, 3-7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

- Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library.

- Thursday, Nov. 3, 3-7 p.m. at the library.

Gioscia said he predicts “it’s going to work smoothly.”

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Annual fun fair keeps growing at new park

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Harvest Festival is coming back to School Street Park this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the spacious park will again host an expanded event designed to help celebrate the fall and bring families out to enjoy a good time.

The Agawam Rotary Club has been putting on the fair for six years, starting the event on the Veterans Green in front of Phelps Elementary School.

With the opening of the sec-

ond phase of School Street Park, the club made the decision to move the event there last year.

“We outgrew the Veterans Green,” said Susanne deVillier, assistant vice president of Easthampton Savings Bank and one of the Rotarians organizing the festival. “We got to a point where we were turning away vendors because it got so big.”

A mix of craft and retail vendors, food vendors, demonstrations, and activities for children

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World War I commemorated through dance, song, readings

The Small Planet Dancers will commemorate the centennial of World War I with “Remembering the War to End All Wars,” a free program of dance, song, and historical readings, at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m.

This program honors all branches of the military, and includes a tap dance routine to the patriotic music of George M. Cohan, vaudeville production numbers, a historical ballroom routine from Vernon and Irene Castle, an audience sing-along led by a singer from the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chorus, and brief readings of excerpts from Letters from the Trenches, such as the one describing the famous Christmas Truce.

Small Planet Dancers is a performance dance troupe based in Western Massachusetts. Formed in 1986, it focuses on historical and global dance, and has performed on the Applause Series stage several times in the past. Composed of local community talent, Small Planet Dancers offers performances at museums, fairs and cultural festivals, charitable events and private parties. Josephine Sarnelli serves as artistic director and choreographer.

This performance is part of the 13th season of the Applause Series presented by the Agawam Cultural Council. The Agawam Senior Center is at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. More information is available at www.agawamcc.org.



The Small Planet Dancers will perform in Agawam on Nov. 4. Standing, left to right, Shane O'Connell, Christine Black, Holly Pastrana, Trudy Knowles, Michael Jordan, Jeff Lander, Suzanne Wells, Amy Keaton, Josephine Sarnelli and Elizabeth Park; seated, Terri O'Connell and Dennis Hamel. SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that provides part of its funding. The Agawam Cultural Council is charged with bringing

engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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Bowling night to benefit AHS Chorus

The Agawam High School Chorus Booster Club will hold a night of bowling from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. This fundraiser will take place at Agawam Bowl, 359-363 Walnut Street Ext. Tickets are \$15 each.

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Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, Nov 13. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart when everyone has boarded.

The cost is \$33 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.

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Sandlin, Boldyga outline rep. campaign priorities

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The race for state representative is going to be a familiar one for residents in Agawam, Southwick and Granville this year.

But the roles have changed, as this time state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, is the incumbent, and his predecessor in office, Agawam Democrat Rosemary Sandlin, is the challenger.

Drawing on her two terms as state representative, and her previous work on the staff of state Sen. Linda Melconian, she said improving public education will be among one of her top priorities if elected. She said she has advocated constantly for education funding and said the state is currently facing a huge choice in the ballot question on charter school expansion.

"I will be voting against having more charter schools," she said. "I strongly support early childhood education."

Another priority for her is transportation. Among her many concerns is the upcoming Morgan-Sullivan Bridge replacement project.

"I will be advocating for more public input in the Morgan-Sullivan bridge project," Sandlin said. "Three construction seasons will impact the access during the 17 days of the Big E."

She also said she supports the upgrades planned at Feeding Hills Center, the intersection of North and South Westfield Street with Springfield and Southwick streets, and if elected, she would push for more for rural transportation for seniors in Southwick.



Rep. Nicholas Boldyga



Rosemary Sandlin

Boldyga said he is committed to working hard on issues in the state concerning the economy, veterans' affairs, and what he describes as "local priorities."

Boldyga said he has worked hard to cut spending at the state level and says he tries to work with Democrats across the aisle and has filed numerous pieces of legislation for reduced spending. He also said the Legislature needs to make progress in areas of welfare and pension reform.

"All of this surrounds the economy," said Boldyga. "We need to finding ways to put more money in people's pockets."

Boldyga said in the past he has supported the Valor and Home acts passed by the Legislature and said he will do more to support local veterans to get proper health care and employment after their service to the country.

Like Boldyga, Sandlin also views veterans' issues as a top concern. She is very interested

in the Soldier On project that broke ground in Feeding Hills last week, and will help provide housing for veterans. The people who move in there will need the support of the communities.

"I hope to put a group together to welcome them to Agawam," she said.

One thing Boldyga has prided himself in is the recent budget amendments he has filed that has brought back money to the towns he represents.

"And we need to do more to bring money back to our towns so that different priorities can be taken care of," said Boldyga.

In the past year, he has brought money to Agawam to pay for school security and other repairs. In Southwick, he secured \$450,000 to pay for a much-needed sand and salt shed for the Department of Public Works.

Boldyga, who defeated Sandlin in a three-way race to take office in 2010, is running in his fifth straight contested election. He lost a one-on-one matchup with Sandlin in 2008, and was opposed by Samuel DiSanti, D-Agawam, in 2012 and 2014.

Agawam City Councilor Richard Theroux had declared his candidacy for the seat earlier this year, but dropped out after claiming the campaign had turned "nasty." Sandlin was then asked by Agawam Democratic leadership to make a run for the seat.

Sandlin was elected in a five-way race in 2006, succeeding former state Rep. Daniel Keenan.

Lions Club raffle to benefit 'Tot Lot'

The Agawam Lions Club has announced a fun, new way to support the club's ongoing Perry Lane "Tot Lot" Project. The club will be conducting a calendar raffle with daily prize drawings to take place throughout the month of November. Calendar raffle tickets will be available for purchase throughout the month of October. Tickets cost \$10 each and are available from any Agawam Lions Club member, Agawam Lioness member, or at www.agawamlions.org.

Daily calendar raffle prizes vary by day of the month, and are as follows: a restaurant gift card worth \$100 will be awarded on Fridays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25; \$50 cash prizes will be awarded every Saturday and Sunday; and \$25 cash prizes will be awarded every Monday through Thursday, excluding Tuesday, Nov. 15, and Wednesday, Nov. 30, when \$100 and \$500 cash prizes are awarded, respectively.

There is no limit on the number of times any individual may win during the raffle period, and winners need not be present to win. All winners will be notified by mail and will also be announced on www.agawamlions.org.

The club would like to express its gratitude to the following businesses that donated gift cards to their establishments for this calendar raffle — Casa di Lisa in Feeding Hills, Latitude Restaurant in West Springfield, The Federal in Agawam, and the Delaney House in Holyoke.

To stay up to date on the Perry Lane Tot Lot fundraising efforts and upcoming events, follow the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook or visit www.agawamlions.org.

LavishlyHip tops 'Super 60' in revenue growth

LavishlyHip LLC, based in Feeding Hills, was No. 1 on the Springfield Regional Chamber's "Super 60" list of local businesses with the highest revenue growth in the region. It joined City Enterprises Inc. of Springfield and 3BL Media of Northampton in the top three.

According to its website, LavishlyHip is an online retailer of fashion accessories such as men's and women's jewelry and scarves.

"Small business is the backbone of our region and our continued growth engine, and the success of this year's winners is a clear indication that our regional economy is strong," said Springfield Regional Chamber President Nancy Creed. "What is interesting to see this year is the emergence of the digital world. Two of our honorees, 3BL Media and LavishlyHip ... have a strong presence in the online community and do business primarily on the web versus brick and mortar," she said. "I think this might be first year we've had such honorees."

The Super 60 program, now in its 26th year, celebrates the success of the highest-revenue and fastest-growing privately owned businesses in the region. Companies are selected based on their percentage of revenue growth over a full three-year period or total revenues for the latest fiscal year.

Environmental Compliance Services Inc., of Agawam, was also cited for revenue growth.

Several Agawam companies were cited for total revenue:

Braman Chemical Enterprises Inc., Kittredge Equipment Company Inc., Sarat Ford-Lincoln, and Specialty Bolt and Screw Inc. Also named in the total revenue category were two nonprofits with ties to Agawam: HAPHousing of Springfield, which recently purchased land in town for an affordable housing development; and Valley Opportunity Council Inc., which is providing assistance to the West of the River Family Center, the former Agawam YMCA.

To be considered, companies must be based in Hampden or Hampshire counties or be a member of the Springfield Regional Chamber, have revenues of at least \$1 million in the last fiscal year, be an independent and privately owned company, and be in business at least three full years.

The Super 60 Celebration event honoring this year's class will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. Reservations are required for the event at \$50 for members, \$70 for general admission. The deadline for reservations is Oct. 19. Reservations must be made in writing and may be made online at www.springfieldregionalchamber.com or by email to events@springfieldregionalchamber.com.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Stay safe in the woods this autumn

As leaves change color and both temperature and humidity plummets to more tolerable levels, folks are flocking outdoors to take advantage of autumn fun.

While everyone benefits from outdoor recreation in all its forms, beginning this Saturday, Oct. 15, at sunrise, hikers, mountain bikers, anglers and other recreationists will start sharing the state's outdoor resources with hunters.

This Saturday, the upland game bird — ruffed grouse, pheasant and bobwhite quail — and cottontail rabbit season opens statewide (it concludes Nov. 26). On Monday, Oct. 17, beginning a half-hour before sunrise, the state's archery deer season begins (ending Nov. 26). Woodcock hunting opened Oct. 5 and duck season opened Oct. 10.

During these seasons, hunters are not required to wear "hunter orange," though bird hunters commonly wear orange vests and caps for safety. Waterfowl hunters do not wear orange in order to remain hidden from the sharp eyesight of waterfowl. In fact, hunters are only required to wear orange during the shotgun and primitive firearms seasons (Nov. 28 to Dec. 10 and Dec. 12-31, respectively), when they must have a minimum of 500 square inches of orange on the head, chest and back. Bird hunters on pheasant- or quail-stocked wildlife management areas must wear at least an orange cap.

But just because the hunting season is open doesn't mean other recreationists are in danger. Deer hunters typically seek out areas off well-established trails and with diminishing young successional habitat, bird hunters typically frequent areas stocked with pheasant (including the nearby Southwick Wildlife Management Area and Manhan River fields in Westfield). Regardless of the species, most hunters would rather stay clear of others and out of sight of homes.

That said, there are laws all residents should understand. A gun or bow cannot be fired inside of 500 feet from any dwelling or building in use without the written consent of the owner, nor within 150 feet from any road or across such. Hunting is not allowed on Sundays.

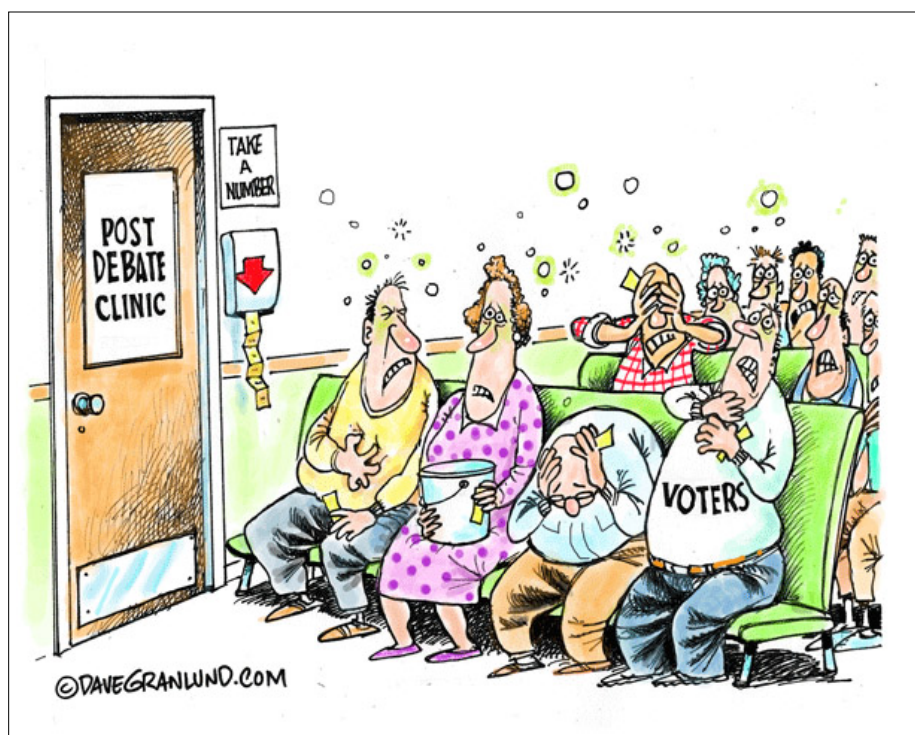
Anyone who notices or suspects a violation should contact the local or state police or the Environmental Police at 800-632-8075.

While accidents do happen, hunters can reduce the risk by following basic hunter safety practices. Namely, by never aiming or shooting at anything they don't intend to kill, properly identifying their target and being sure other people or their property are nowhere near the line of fire.

Non-hunters can minimize their contact with hunters this season by avoiding areas where hunting is likely to take place. Hikers should stay on marked trails and wear brightly colored clothing — avoiding such colors as brown and white. Keep pets close and under control, and if possible, cover them with a brightly colored vest or bandana.

The woods are a beautiful resource that belongs to everyone. Have fun and stay safe this fall.

What do you think? Send letters to the editor to aan@turley.com.



GUEST COMMENTARY



Agawam Girl Scouts sing during the "wishboat" ceremony at the Big Pond waterfront. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Agawam Girl Scout camporee and recycling — a good match

By Margaret Bilodeau

One hundred forty Agawam girls from kindergarten through grade 12 and adults recently attended a Girl Scout camporee at Camp Bonnie Brae in East Otis. With very unpredictable weather, enthusiasm was still high as the girls gathered around the campfire Friday night to sing songs and enjoy a historical snack — s'mores.

With one long ring, the iconic Camp Bonnie Brae gong woke us up early Saturday morning to begin our main program. Our theme this year was a simple yet very

important one — recycling. Scouting in general (both girl and boy) has always had a healthy measure of creativity, as well as a concern for the community and a healthy environment. In fact, Girl Scout Law number 8 states "to use resources wisely" and law number 9 reminds Girl Scouts to "make the world a better place." Therefore, recycling materials and products that other people throw away and turning them into useful items was a natural for us.

These "trash-to-treasure" projects, games, skits, scavenger hunts, and ceremonies were developed months before by

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the November ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, care of Turley Publications, 380 Union St., W. Springfield, MA 01089, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to aan@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representa-

tive sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last week before the election (edition of Nov. 3). For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.

Candidate profiles

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about the local sheriff, state senate and state representative races, and questionnaire responses from the candidates, during the months of September and October. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact John Baskin, 413-786-7747 or jbaskin@turley.com, about paid advertising in the Agawam Advertiser News.



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Agawam City Council agenda

Roberta G. Doering School
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Monday, Oct. 17
7 p.m.

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's Speak Time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular Council Meeting – Oct. 3, 2016
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
- 1. TR-2016-59 — A Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §53A from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office to the Town of Agawam (Mayor)
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- I. Public hearings
- 1. PH-2016-7 (ZC-2016-4) — Petition for zone change by Cloverleaf Realty Group, Inc. for property between Parcel

- I9-2-27 and Parcel I9-2-28 located at 0 Suffield Street and 83 Mill Street from Agricultural to Business A in its entirety (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- J. Old Business
- 1. TO-2016-31 — An Order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for N. Liquori, Inc. d/b/a The Back Room (formerly known as Home Plate Sports Bar LLC), 827 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA (For the remainder of 2016) (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- 2. TO-2016-32 — An Order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for N. Liquori, Inc. d/b/a The Back Room, 827 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA (For the period commencing on Jan. 1, 2017 and expiring on Dec. 31, 2017) (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- 3. TO-2016-33 — An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License for Euro Imports, 325 Main St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- 4. TO-2016-34 — An Order granting or renewing a permit for Weekly Amusement for Captain Jimmy's Restaurant & Distillery, 916 Suffield St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

- 5. TO-2016-35 — An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License for Falcor Auto Sales, Inc., 373 Springfield St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- 6. TO-2016-36 — An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License for Parrotta's Auto Service, Inc., 357 Main St., Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- 7. TOR-2016-3 — Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam Chapter 49 to increase the salary rate of substitute nurses (Mayor) (1 of 2 readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- 8. TOR-2016-4 — Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam Section 103-7 Department Permit Enforcement Fee for Combustible Waste, Refuse and Rubbish Containers > 6 cubic yards (Mayor) (1 of 2 readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- M. Adjournment

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older Agawam Girl Scouts (junior high through high school age). These awesome Girl Scouts (as they were often called at the camporee) also led these activities as the younger Girl Scouts rotated around from station to station that day.

The youngest Agawam Girl Scouts (Daisy and Brownie) traveled the globe. They learned how reducing, reusing and recycling affect each biome, and then did related activities. Two biome stations recycled toilet and paper towel rolls. At the "tundra" biome girls made caribou heads, and at the "grasslands" biome they created binoculars that helped them find pictures of grassland animals hidden around the station.

At the "fresh water" biome, girls had fun with water bottle bowling — using recycled water bottles, of course. At the "marine" biome girls tried their hand at something new to most — sand art. They also gave new life to all those Girl Scout cookie cases saved during this year's sales. They were decorated and reused as treasure chests with old tennis balls in a knock-down game.

As younger Girl Scouts were roaming through biomes, other older girl program leaders were teaching older Brownies and Juniors with display boards they had made about how and why products can be reduced and reused through recycling. Who would've thought that mattresses, crayons, corks, VHS cassettes, holiday lights, and old sneakers could be recycled and made into new items? Girls also received ideas on metal recycling and junkyards, as well as the "lowdown" on Styrofoam — what can and cannot be accepted for recycling and where the centers are located. They then took this useful information and played a recycling game, putting the recyclables into the correct bin.

At another older girl campsite, fire starters were made using four recycled items — egg cartons, dryer lint, and old crayons and candles. Along with information about setting up different kinds of fires, these fire starters would prove useful to start lunchtime fires. At still other activity stations, K-cups and coffee grounds were reused to plant herbs, tabs from soda cans were recycled to create bracelets, and once again (as in the younger program) plastic bottles were utilized and formed into tea light holders.

At each step along their activity path that day all girls had a "passport card" that was stamped. What a nice souvenir or remembrance of their

recycling journey that would be.

As busy as girls were at organized activities at this camporee, there was still time to fit in a break in late afternoon. With this free session, troops could do something of their own choosing — a hike, perhaps? A swap to make? Or just relaxing in the natural surroundings of camp. Evaluations done at the end of the camporee indicated most liked this "down time."

Camporee evaluations also showed that the Saturday evening program came high on the list as one of the most popular. All girls had fabricated "wishboats" at one of the activity stations during the day, and it was time to have a wishboat ceremony and bid them farewell.

Wishboats are simple boats created by reusing forest materials found on the ground. Bark is the basis, with items from nature added (acorns, pine cones, small sticks and stones, leaves, etc.) and of course wishes and candles. At the ceremony, girls learned these boats are an old tradition at Camp Bonnie Brae and many other camps. The final evening of camp, the boats are gently set adrift on the water with everyone's wishes and memories.

While we wished them all a safe journey, the high winds on the shores of Big Pond that evening proved otherwise. Younger Girl Scouts were told by older Girl Scouts that the Water Fairy may have made their boat sink, or then again the Air or Fire Fairy might have stopped by to take their light and wish away.

Now what, do you ask, do girls at camp wish for? Well, for Abbey Majka (Troop 20559) it was a "wish to come back next year and many more!" For Maddie Balzano (Troop 11300) it was that "everyone have peace, love, and health." Allison Boucher (Troop 11391) wants "to make the honor roll" and Samantha Matland (Troop 64542) "wished she could fly!" Other common wishes ran the gamut of staying longer at Camp Bonnie Brae, having good friends, career choices, and an assortment of wished-for animals — from the usual cats, dogs, and horses, to the more exotic llamas and zebras.



Agawam Girl Scouts work with recycled materials during the recent camporee at Camp Bonnie Brae.
SUBMITTED PHOTO

As everyone was eating breakfast Sunday morning, all packed to go home to Agawam, the results of our recycling over the weekend were announced. By using fewer disposable products and minimizing our food waste, our efforts generated eight trash bags compared to our usual 21 — wow!

A few of the girls from the Saturday skit station then enlightened us with their ideas on recycling. It seemed like everyone had opinions on how the recycling theme could be continued in other camporees. Could zero waste happen in the future? It seemed impossible to many. However, most agreed we should continue to become aware of our waste habits, and give it a try. Stay tuned!

Margaret Bilodeau is an Agawam Girl Scout program consultant.

DEATH NOTICES

DeFlorio, Anna R.
Died Oct. 1
Funeral Oct. 8
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
Agawam

Hottin, Angelina M.
Died Oct. 4
Funeral Oct. 7
Agawam Funeral Home, Inc.

Ritchie, Jennifer A.
Died Oct. 4
Funeral Oct. 10
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Stone, Muriel B.
Died Oct. 3
Private burial

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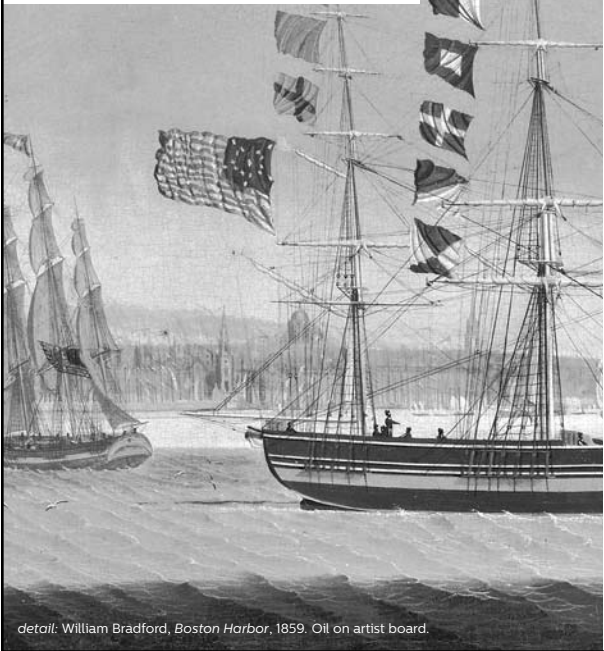
Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting God and His power. **D.D.**

ST. JUDE'S NOVENA

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Ballot Questions

QUESTION 1

Expansion slots: Additional gambling site on Nov. ballot

By Douglas Farmer
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Even before Massachusetts opens its first casinos — including the MGM Springfield project currently under construction — supporters of gambling are asking, on the Nov. 8 ballot, for an additional slot parlor.

A “yes” vote on Question 1 would permit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to award a slot parlor license (officially a “category 2 license” allowing for slots but not table games) to an applicant with at least four acres of land and adjacent to a racetrack. At present, casino enabling legislation only allows for one slot parlor license, and that facility is currently operating at Plainridge Park in Plainville, Mass.

A “no” vote would keep the number of licenses where it currently stands. In addition to Plainridge, commercial resort casinos have been approved in Springfield and Everett, and a tribal casino in Taunton.

Elaine Driscoll, director of communications for the Gaming Commission, said that the commission is not taking a position on the ballot question.

But the question does hold particular significance for the city of Revere, where those attempting to salvage Suffolk Downs have advocated for a renewed attempt at casino gaming on site. Shortly after the narrow defeat of its proposed resort casino in Palmer in the fall of 2013, the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority moved its attention to Revere, where it advocated for a large casino development adjacent to the racetrack at Suffolk Downs.

The concept was approved by a majority of Revere voters in early 2014, although the Gaming Commission opted to approve

a casino license in Everett submitted by Wynn Resorts. A ballot question repealing the casino legislation entirely was defeated later that year.

“In 2013 alone, Massachusetts residents who played at neighboring state gaming facilities gave those states over \$240 million that could have stayed in Massachusetts,” wrote Eugene McCain of the Horse Racing Jobs and Education Committee in an essay published in a recent information booklet disseminated by the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin. “About \$1 of every \$5 collected goes to our state’s horse racing industry, sustaining jobs at racetracks and breeding farms.”

However, Celeste Ribeiro Myers, the chairwoman of the Committee for Responsible and Sustainable Economic Development, argued that without knowing the true impact of the slot parlor and casino licenses already approved, such a question was premature.

“Legalized casino gambling in the commonwealth is too new and unproven to expand at this time,” she wrote. “Only one slot parlor has opened in Massachusetts, and it is significantly underperforming. This ballot question was written by one casino developer, for one purpose: his own financial gain. It disrupts the process and limits established by the Legislature to protect communities and existing businesses.”

According to a telephone survey of 403 likely voters in the state by the Western New England University Polling Institute between Sept. 24 and Oct. 3, 48 percent oppose a second slot parlor license, while 30 percent were in favor of it. However, about 21 percent said they were undecided on the question.

QUESTION 3

Food costs weigh against animal cruelty on ballot

By Eileen Kennedy
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Voters will be asked this fall to vote on a bill that would outlaw farmers from confining pigs, calves and hens in a way that would prevent them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs and turning around freely. A “no” vote would make no changes in the state’s farm animal regulations.

There has been a push across the country for years for better treatment of farm animals, and a move by consumers to favor eggs raised by cage-free birds and those not fed antibiotics.

Proponents say the measure will end cruelty to these farm animals, which can be raised in very small quarters, usually in factory farms, where diseases, such as salmonella, are more likely to spread than on smaller farms with more humane conditions. They also say that poor conditions lead to mental and physical pain for the animals, and it would encourage respect for farm animals, and by extension, better conditions for farm workers.

Opponents say that the measure would ban the sale of veal, pork or eggs from any state unless produced under the conditions called out in the question, which would raise the cost to consumers by \$70 per person per year. Opponents are urging voters to let the marketplace decide what products should be remain. Opponents also point out that low-income families would

bear the brunt of increased food prices.

The confinement regulation would not apply to products where pork or veal is added to other products, as in hot dogs, pizza or sandwiches.

The prohibitions would not be in effect when transporting animals, during state and county fair exhibitions, 4-H programs, slaughter, medical research, veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation and five days before a pregnant animal gives birth, any day a pig is nursing piglets and temporary periods for animal husbandry.

It also outlaws any business from selling whole eggs or uncooked veal or bacon that has been raised using the confined conditions. Violations of the law would mean a \$1,000 civil penalty, with the attorney general being the exclusive enforcement agency and the issuer of regulations to enforce the law. It would be in addition to existing laws and does not prohibit local communities from enacting stricter regulations.

If passed, it would take effect Jan. 1, 2022.

The proponent for the measure is the Citizens for Farm Animal Protection, which defines itself as a grassroots campaign in Massachusetts, working to end the cruel confinement of veal calves, egg-laying hens, and pigs, and animals in general.

Among its opponents is the New England Brown Egg Council based in Portland, Maine, which has called the measure neither necessary nor wise.

QUESTION 2

Two schools of thought about allowing funding more charters

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Those who see charter schools as a help or a hindrance to public school districts struggling to meet test score and curriculum expectations in Massachusetts are weighing in on a petitioned ballot question on whether to expand the number of charter schools statewide.

Question 2, if approved by the voters on Nov. 8, would allow for up to 12 additional approvals by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, for either new charter school applications or expansion of enrollments in existing schools. This could result in a student body of no more than 1 percent of public school enrollment each year. A “no” vote on the question would retain the current limits on charter schools.

According to state law, a charter school is governed by the same standards as a district public school, except that it is overseen by a board of trustees and not a local school committee. Charters are especially encouraged by the state in areas with students identified as underperforming on statewide assessments.

While a number of charter schools currently operate in Western Massachusetts, the ballot question has immediate implications for a proposed charter school on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village. Last year, the application for Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School was submitted to the DESE as part of a collaboration between OSV and Expeditionary Learning, a national educational nonprofit with a regional presence in Amherst. The application, which said the school would

enhance classroom learning with hands-on opportunities at the adjacent living history museum, was not approved by the DESE, though officials are submitting a new application for approval during the current school year. The school was slated to accept students from towns ranging from Monson to North Brookfield.

According to a recent telephone survey of 403 likely voters by the Western New England University Polling Institute between Sept. 24 and Oct. 3, 47 percent opposed increasing the number of charter schools, while 34 percent were in favor. About 28 percent were undecided.

But the campaign has heated up through public statements, letters to the editor and lawn signs on display throughout the region.

“Today, almost 33,000 children are stuck on waiting lists for public charter schools because of the Legislature’s arbitrary cap on enrollment,” wrote AnnMarie O’Connor Little of Great Schools Massachusetts, in a booklet about the ballot questions recently distributed by Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin. “Voting yes would give more children the opportunity to attend these great public schools — especially in the state’s lowest-performing school districts.”

But in a mantra familiar to opponents of the measure, Juan Cofield, chairman of the Campaign to Save Our Public Schools, wrote that charter schools draw resources from where they’re needed most.

“Every time a new charter school opens or expands, it takes funding away from the public schools in that district,” he wrote. “If some public schools are falling short, we should fix them, not take money away and give it to privately-run charters.”

QUESTION 4

Recreational marijuana: Higher tax revenue or more addiction?

By Eileen Kennedy
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This November, voters will decide whether or not marijuana should be legalized for recreational use for adults 21 and over, and be available at specific marijuana stores.

A “yes” vote on the incredibly lengthy, very detailed ballot question would mean, its supporters say, that prohibition against marijuana would end. This would turn the drug into a heavily regulated, safer substance and free police to focus on more serious crimes, they say.

A “no” vote will make no change in existing state laws about marijuana.

Detractors argue that legalization poses a danger by making a “gateway” drug legal, and will lead to the use of other, more addictive drugs. They also say that the law will allow the sale of highly potent edible versions of marijuana in products such as cookies, candy and soda, which could lead to accidental overdoses if children or pets access the items.

If approved, the law would also let people to cultivate, distribute, possess and use small amounts of marijuana in their home, and to give away small amounts as long as no money is exchanged. Any cultivation, whether for personal or commercial use, must be out of public sight.

Massachusetts voters have been amenable to changing the laws about marijuana over the last few years, approving first a measure to decriminalize the possession of small amounts in 2008, and then in 2012 to allow doctors to prescribe medical marijuana.

According to the state, towns would be able to control the “time, place and manner” of recreational marijuana sales, including restricting potential sites through zoning regulations. Individual towns would not be able to ban marijuana sales, however.

This fall’s ballot question would also create a bureaucracy, called the Cannabis

Control Commission, of three people, and an advisory board of 15 additional people. The commission will administer the laws on marijuana use and distribution, develop regulations and license the stores. The already legal medical marijuana businesses would also be able to sell recreational marijuana.

It will be taxed up to 12 percent to fund the oversight of this new industry, and is expected to bring in about \$100 million to the state. Proponents claim there will be enough left over to also go toward education, infrastructure and other needs.

The state will assess its 6.25 percent sales taxes on purchases, and an additional excise tax of 3.75 percent. Communities may also assess a separate tax of 2 percent. Money received from the excise tax and license fees, as well as civil penalties associated with these regulations, would go into a special fund, the Marijuana Regulation Fund, and would be used for administering the law.

The main proponent for the ballot question is the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana, which is funded in large part by the Marijuana Policy Project and the Marijuana Policy Project Foundation, which have been spearheading the ballot questions here and in Arizona, California, Maine and Nevada this year.

MPP, which was founded in January 1995, is the largest organization in the U.S. that’s focused solely on ending marijuana prohibition, and its mission is to change federal law to allow states to regulate marijuana like alcohol in all 50 states, D.C., and the five territories. It has also said it is responsible for changing most of the state marijuana laws to legalize it in Colorado in November 2012 and Alaska in 2014.

The main opponent is the Campaign for a Safe and Healthy Massachusetts, a coalition of families, workers, business people, anti-addiction advocates, educators, first responders, doctors and hospitals.

If passed, the new law would go into effect on Dec. 15.

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 419 calls for service from Oct. 3 to Oct. 10. The department recorded two arrests in its public log.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Artur P. Lesniowski, 26, of Feeding Hills Road, Westfield, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, subsequent offense, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, attaching plates to a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property under \$250, subsequent offense, and possession of a class A drug.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Samuel Omar Rivera, 22, of Whitman St., Chicopee, was arrested on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class B drug, and on a default warrant for failure to appear in court.

FIRE LOG

Fire logs were not received in time for the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline

Fire Dept. hosts open house Saturday

The Fire Department will hold an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Fire Headquarters, 800 Main St., Agawam.

Events will include a chili cook-off, a Jaws of Life vehicle extrication demonstration, a ladder truck interactive demonstration, fire safety education, and a visit from "Blaze," the fire safety dalmation.

For more information, call 413-786-0657.

Town flu clinics this month

The Agawam Health Department will hold flu vaccine clinics Thursday, Oct. 20, and Monday, Oct. 24, 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. both days.

The clinics are offered by appointment only and will take place at the Agawam Health Department at Town Hall, 36 Main St. To make an appointment, call 413-726-9722.

Lions breakfast set for Oct. 30

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Agawam Lions Club will continue in the tradition of holding its annual Harvest Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Agawam Lions Club restaurant, the "Den" on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 10 and under, may be purchased at the door or in advance from

any Agawam Lions Club member.

Parking is free and plentiful. Attendees are asked to use Gate 2, the Storowton Tavern entrance. When entering, inform the gate staff that you will be attending the Agawam Lions Club Harvest Breakfast. The Den is directly across from the Xfinity Arena, at the end of the Avenue of States.

To stay up to date on upcoming events, follow the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook or visit www.agawamlions.org.

Book folding workshop open to adults

Adults are invited to join artist Cathy Thibodeau to learn the basics of book folding at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Agawam Public Library.

Participants can choose from one of three intricate designs — paw print, heart or flower — and up-cycle an old book into a beautiful work of art. All materials are

included, but adults can bring their own book to use if it is at least 140 pages long and 21 centimeters (8 1/4 inches) high.

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association. Space is limited. To register, call 413-789-1550 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

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Home.

One problem the clerks believe they've solved is the question of fraud. Kronholm said once a person has voted early, that person cannot show up on Election Day to vote a second time.

"We have to print the voting list and we check you off as you come in," she said. "You're also entered into the state database for registered voters."

Once a person votes, added Town Clerk Sue Kucharski of Chester, the ballot goes into a special early voting envelope, and that goes into a locked ballot box to be stored in a locked cabinet. Those votes will be opened and processed on Election Day, Nov. 8.

"And the Secretary of State's Office has been really great sending us daily emails on things to keep in mind — making sure we're all staying with the deadlines, stuff like that. They've been really supportive in making sure everybody is on the same page," Kucharski said.

All voters — absentee, early or Election Day — must be registered; residents may check their voter status and polling place at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. Those who need to register may do so online at www.RegiserToVoteMA.com. To be eligible to participate in the Nov. 8 election, a voter must be registered by Oct. 19.

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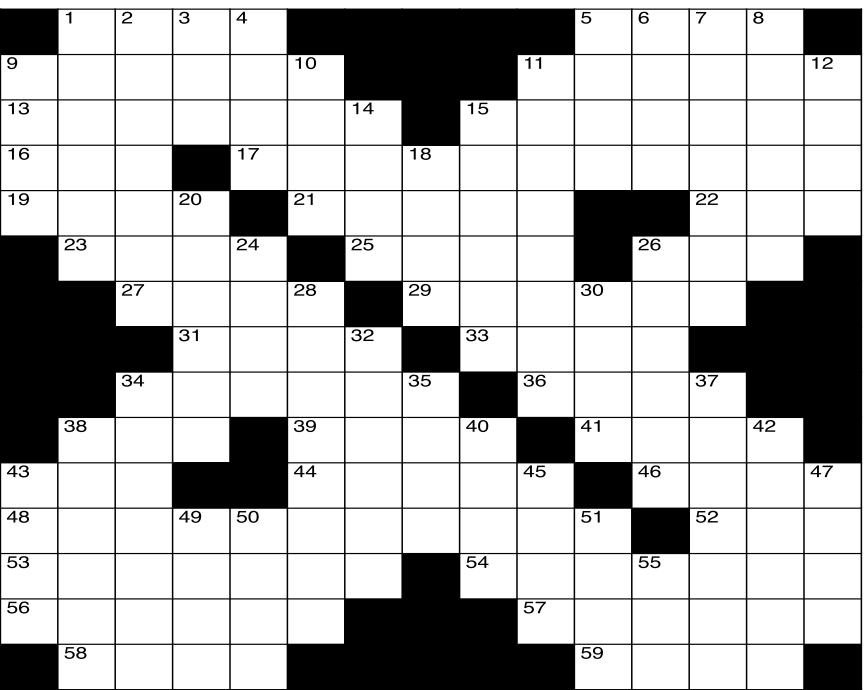
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nonsense (slang)
- 5. Military leader (abbr.)
- 9. Removes
- 11. Streamed
- 13. Inner ear cavity
- 15. Where to go after high school
- 16. Olympics host
- 17. A day to remember fallen soldiers
- 19. Forearm bone
- 21. Bypass surgery pioneer F. Mason
- 22. Judo garments
- 23. Gentlemen
- 25. Large wrestler
- 26. Large integer
- 27. Makes a soft sound
- 29. Some claim to have six
- 31. Sunfish
- 33. Clan

- 34. A form of comedy
- 36. Defy
- 38. More (Spanish)
- 39. Sixteen ounces
- 41. Adventure story
- 43. Liquid distilled from wood or coal
- 44. Michigan ghost town
- 46. Fond of
- 48. Pearl Jam frontman
- 52. Clothes
- 53. Flinches
- 54. Giving the axe
- 56. Where planes are kept
- 57. Intervals
- 58. Plant's unit of reproduction
- 59. Equips

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cooks by exposure to direct heat
- 2. Using few words

- 3. Wood
- 4. Steer
- 5. Soft drink
- 6. Consider
- 7. Clears from a river
- 8. Claim again
- 9. Beige
- 10. Witnesses
- 11. Spiked
- 12. Partidge actor Susan and Marmaduke director Tom
- 14. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 15. Fraiche and de Menthe are two
- 18. Burden
- 20. Olfactory properties
- 24. Carbon particles
- 26. Set of four
- 28. A sweater pulled over the head
- 30. Relaxing places

- 32. Gets up
- 34. Canned fish
- 35. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 37. A conceited and self-centered person
- 38. Fine-textured cotton fabric
- 40. Turner and Kennedy
- 42. Repents
- 43. Smartphones, tablets, etc.
- 45. A way to garner
- 47. Eat them for breakfast
- 49. Former Tigers third baseman Brandon
- 50. Oh, God!
- 51. Canadian flyers
- 55. One legged Chinese mythological demon



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Agawam High School celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 with a decorated showcase in the school rotunda and daily announcements about important Hispanic contributions to our society. Each week, Latin music was played for the students to walk to homeroom. ¡Viva el mes de la herencia hispana! SUBMITTED PHOTO

Two at AHS earn National Merit status

Agawam High School Principal Steven Lemanski announced recently that Sydney Carra and Thomas Hendrickson have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corp., which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students

throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2017 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Children’s author to visit Saturday

The Agawam Public Library will welcome local author Karen Rose on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. Rose’s book, “Pixie & Fenway: Unlikely Friends at Two Mountain Farm,” tells a true story of friendship between a house cat and a chicken that was the victim of the pecking order.

The event will include a little reading from the book and a fun chicken craft. Books will also be for sale. For more information, call Pamela Weingart, youth services librarian, at 413-789-1550, ext. 3, or visit www.agawam-library.org.

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tices how secure the facility is in regards to crowd control.

There is a tunnel in the concession and ticket building allows for control of the crowd entering the facility. The fence around the field, with only a few access points, helps keep non-players and non-official personnel away from the playing surface.

According to a press release from Mayor Richard Cohen and Chief Procurement Officer Jennifer Bonfiglio, “substantial completion” on the field project was reached on Friday, Sept. 30, though AHS moved its first scheduled home football game, which was to be played that day, to its opponent’s field in Holyoke.

The press release stated that the bleacher system was not completed yet but was supposed to be ready by Oct. 7. But materials were only just delivered and as of Monday, Oct. 10, the bleachers were still

being worked on. The press release also announced the temporary seating that would be available for the first week of games.

That temporary seating was still in use this week, for Monday’s field hockey and girls soccer games and will likely remain in place until the bleachers are completed.

Stratton said he expects once the contractors turn the facility over to the school, the bleachers will become available and a certificate of occupancy will be issued for the concession stand and ticket booth.

As of press time, no date has been set for an official grand opening ceremony. Bonfiglio had announced earlier this month that a grand opening would be held prior to the Hall of Fame induction on Sunday, but said Tuesday that the outdoor opening ceremony would instead be pushed back to a date “when the facility as a whole can be opened to the public.”

AHS Counseling Bulletin

Visiting college representatives

Students interested in meeting with any of the following college or university representatives that will be visiting Agawam High School must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center.

Oct. 14, 7:30 a.m., Trinity College; 9:20 a.m., Clarkson University.

Information opportunities

Sunday, Oct. 23: George Washington University invites students and their family to an information session taking place at the Boston Marriott — Newton at 1:30 p.m. Attendees will hear about the unique research, internship, service and study abroad opportunities, along with information about GW’s admissions process. RSVP by calling the Office of Admissions at 202-994-6040.

Open houses

Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the Counseling Center for more information.

Special interest programs

The American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in-person, at Centers and over the phone (877-33-4348). Additionally, the Boston College Planning Center is holding FAFSA Workshops every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Federal Student Aid ID Workshops every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. More information is available by calling Kristi Pierce at 617-728-4608.

The Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance & Film is hosting an Open House for interested students on Friday, Nov. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 401-865-2327 for information on the program or to set up an audition/interview appointment.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be hosting a Women in Aerospace Engineering program on Sunday, Nov. 6. Meet MIT students and professors, tour aerospace labs, learn practical aerospace skills, and hear about working in the industry. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to high school girls. Email wae-exec@mit.edu for more information.

New England Institute of Technology will be hosting a series of Career Education Days to help students learn more about their potential careers — Automotive Day,

Oct. 21; Construction Day, Nov. 18; Engineering and Communications Day, March 3; Health Day, April 7. To register for any of these events go to NEIT.edu/Career-Education.

Springfield College will be hosting a free Game Lab Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 22. This program will allow students to talk with video game industry experts, experience the field firsthand, and get to see how games are made/what it takes to make a game of their own. Register at springfield.edu/gamelab.

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in each semester through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering the Advanced Placement Program to qualified students. Tuition is waived and students pay only a registration fee of \$20 and a technology fee of \$50. Registration for the spring 2017 semester should be submitted before Jan. 17. For more information, contact the registrar at 413-265-2314.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: 2017 Profile in Courage Essay; U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program; Ronald McDonald House Charities US Scholarship Program; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Big Y Scholarship; American College Foundation; B. Davis Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Words of wisdom

“Be good; don’t text and drive; treat the president and street sweeper with the same respect.”

— Mrs. DeCaro, Visual Arts

“Stay active in class. Stay for extra help. Get involved. Your effort needs to match your goal.”

— Senora Daly, Spanish

School Lunch

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Monday, Oct. 17: Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, potato wedges, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Popcorn chicken, dipping sauce, Tater Tots, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Chicken filet wrap served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Oct. 20: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Oct. 21: Bacon cheeseburger, onion rings, seasoned rice, broccoli, assorted fresh fruit.

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Tuesday, Oct. 18: Hamburger, cheeseburger, let-

tuce and tomato, Tater Tots, carrot sticks with ranch, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread stick, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Oct. 20: Junior High — Mini corn dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, fresh and chilled fruit. Doering and elementary — Individual pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Oct. 21: Junior High — Individual pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie. Doering and elementary — Fish sticks, coleslaw, celery sticks with ranch, ice cream cone, fresh and chilled fruit.

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Monday through Thursday, Oct. 17-20: Assorted low-sugar cereal, assorted nutragrain bars, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

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Agawam call firefighter Kyle Fraga speaks with preschoolers at St. Mary's Academy in Longmeadow recently. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local firefighter speaks to preschool about safety

The youngest students at St. Mary's Academy in Longmeadow were thrilled to have a visit recently from Kyle Fraga, one of Agawam's call firefighters.

Fraga spent some time explaining the basics of fire safety before teaching the students how each piece of his equipment

protected him in a real fire. The preschoolers were enamored with all his gear and couldn't wait to try it on for themselves. This visit was especially timely as it tied into a fire safety unit the class was learning about this fall.

Hats off



Dahlia Ryan, 13, left, and Abbey Majka, 14, right, of Agawam Girl Scout Troop 20559, have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award for completing their project, "Hope Through Hats." Ryan and Majka led a team of volunteers that made more than 175 no-sew fleece hats. Sue Tower, center, accepted the hats on behalf of Hope Community Church to be placed in its Operation Christmas Child gift boxes. SUBMITTED PHOTO



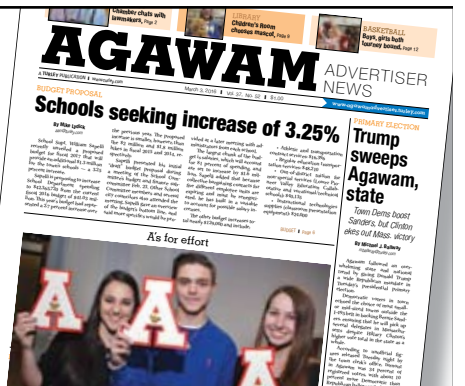
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are the main elements of the festivals. DeVillier says the Rotary Club does not raise money from the event for its charities, but provides it as a way to celebrate the season.

“It brings families out to have a good time,” she said. “Children get to play and have their faces painted, go in a bounce house.”

Youth will be on display in the form of the Agawam youth cheerleaders. DeVillier says the Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior cheerleaders that follow the Agawam youth foot-

ball teams in the Suburban Amateur Football League will all perform.

“This is a great event for the cheerleaders to show off their hard work,” said DeVillier. “Other than football families, not a lot of people get to see them perform.”

There will be two bands playing music during the event. A fifth and sixth grade band will perform from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and the band Southern Rain will perform from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The high school band has typically made an appearance at the event, but will not make it this year due to a prior obligation.

Agawam High School will be well rep-

resented, though, with the Robotics Club, girls volleyball team and the cheerleading squad, which will have a booth but not be performing. Agawam’s growing youth field hockey program will also be present, as will youth soccer.

DeVillier said there will be a tae kwon do performance and the popular car show will also return. One change from last year: Cars on display will be in the park, on the grass, to help open up more parking spaces at the edge of the park.

For children, there will be a bounce house, face painting from the Agawam High School Art Club, and a craft available from the Macaroni Kid organization. The bounce house requires admission, while the rest of the activities are free of charge.

DeVillier said she is welcoming more craft and merchant vendors this year, with 43 total this year, an increase of about eight vendors from last year. Among the newcomers will be new crafts, maple syrup and honey retailers. Murphy’s Pub, a local business, will operate a food truck for the first time at the festival.

The event will take place on the newer, Corey Street side of the park.



Casey Smith sits on a large pumpkin up for raffle at last year’s Rotary Harvest Festival. FILE PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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AHS '66 to hold 50th reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1966 will hold its 50th reunion Saturday, Nov. 5, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

For more information, visit the Facebook.com page for Agawam High School Class of '66. Those that have not been notified or are interested in attending may contact Ray Pond at 413-786-8746 or Randy McLean at 413-786-0348.

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Beer, wine tasting to benefit Leonard House

The Board of Trustees at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam will host its sixth annual Beer and Wine Tasting this Friday.

This benefit for the historical landmark will be held at the Leonard House at 663 Main St., Agawam, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, and is sponsored by John and Manon McCarthy, owners of McCarthy's Liquors on Main Street in Agawam. There will also be live music, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and different beers and wines for all guests to sample.

"Agawam's Community House," built in 1805 as a stage-coach tavern, is available to be rented for weddings and anniversary parties, engagements and showers, business meetings, receptions and all types of functions.

Tickets to the benefit are \$20 and may be purchased at McCarthy's Liquors, 430 Main St. Agawam; Johnny Mac Liquors, 1949 Wilbraham Road, Springfield; or by calling the Charles Leonard House at 413-786-9421. All guests must be 21 years or older. For more information on the Captain Charles Leonard House, visit www.captainleonardhouse.com.

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SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Bruno, Fellion goals lead Agawam to fifth straight win

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Heading into a holiday matinee matchup against Tantasqua Regional High School, coach Karen Gomez said the Brownies would definitely be in for a challenge against the Warriors.

Agawam was definitely up to that challenge as they were able to control possession for much of the game and came away with a 2-0 win on Monday at Agawam High School.

Playing in the bright sun at 12 noon, Agawam started out slow, with possession really going up and down the new and quicker turf, which is a far cry from the deeper grass Agawam played with in the first half of the season at School Street Park.

Both teams had a couple of opportunities to score in the early going, but Agawam was not able to do anything with a penalty corner opportunity as a shot by Nina Bruno was blocked.

With 22:10 remaining in the

first half, the Brownies got their first goal thanks to a miscue by the Warriors.

During a penalty corner opportunity, Agawam was moving the ball around the circle and threatening to score. A Tantasqua defender would kick the ball in the goalie box, by rule, resulting in a penalty stroke for the Brownies. Alertly, Agawam's Grace Rinaldi would shoot the ball in the goal in case the stroke was not called and Agawam maintained the ball via the "advantage" rule.

Bruno would take the penalty stroke, lifting the ball to the left into the goal to make it 1-0.

Agawam's second goal came a little less than 10 minutes later when Agawam was again on the attack. It was not the first or second, but on the fourth attempt on the goal that Kristen Fellion took a shot from near the edge of the circle. Her shot found its way through several players and into the goal to make it 2-0.

From there, the Brownies'

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Emily Oliver hits the ball up the field past a Tantasqua stick. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Agawam's Bianca Toto battles for possession near the sideline.



Agawam's Emily Oliver makes a run up the field under pressure.



Nina Bruno gets set to make a hit.



The Brownies' Nina Bruno takes a shot on goal.

FOOTBALL

Second half surge leads Brownies over Falcons

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – There's nothing like being back on that home turf, especially when that home turf is brand new.

Last Friday night, the Agawam High School football team celebrated their homecoming, which was delayed a week, and rode a string of 33 unanswered points to a 47-14 victory over visiting Minnechaug Regional.

The Brownies increased their regular season record to 4-1 for the season, as well as a 2-0 mark in the AA Conference.

Agawam's homecoming was delayed by week due to the new athletic facility not being complete. The bleachers are still not complete, but temporary bleachers were made available and fans surrounded the new fenced-in artificial turf surface as Agawam wasted no time in scoring the first touchdown on their new field.



Thomas Caracciolo picks up a kick off to make a return. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

After receiving the opening kickoff, Chris Morassi found a slight hole to the right and carried the ball 73 yards on Agawam's first offensive play to score a touchdown just 17 seconds into the game for a 7-0 lead.

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SOCCER

Grasso goal leads Brownies over Falcons

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The girls soccer match between Minnechaug and Agawam was a non-league affair, but it had major implications to the overall picture in Division One. Both teams are fighting for the top few spots and in this case, it was Agawam that prevailed, by a 1-0 score.

Both teams are fighting for high seeds in Division I and any loss could spell the difference between getting a bye in the first round or having to play a preliminary game. The Falcons finished the week with a split, having beaten Chicopee Comp, 2-0 for a 7-3-1 overall record, while the Brownies also split, having lost 1-0 to Ludlow and they stand 7-4-1. It promises to remain close to the end.

The game was four minutes

old before the first shot came. That was Caleigh O'Brien for Minnechaug with a 15 yarder in the fourth minute. It went wide left. The Brownies first shot came a minute later from 18 yards off the foot of Mary Kate Wysocki, on goal and saved by Tamra Zippin. In the eighth minute, Zippin stopped a shot from 15 by Sierra Kruser. The Falcons had shots in the 19th and 11th minutes. Mackenzie Howard was stopped by Erin Berthiaume from 18 and a minute after that Brooke McDonald sent her shot from 18 over the goal. In the 14th Howard was wide left from eight yards.

Then in the 19th minute, Agawam got a corner kick, taken by Allie Wysocki. It curved into the crowd in front of the goal. Katie Grasso jumped high and headed the ball into the right corner. The

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Cole Modestow would lead the Falcons to a score just about three minutes later, scoring on a five-yard keeper and tying the score 7-7.

Agawam would have the last laugh of the first quarter, with Morassi ending a drive on a three-yard run to make it 14-7 Agawam.

The Falcons would not be able to score until there was 1:35 remaining in the second quarter, but it was a 33-yard pass from Modestow to Ben Whitley that would give the Falcons the tying score, but only for less than a minute.

The Brownies would pull off the two-minute drill perfectly, and Basile scored on a three-yard run to send the Brownies to halftime with a 21-14 lead.

Agawam took advantage of their second fumble recovery of the game to start the third quarter. Jared Durocher would recover a fumble and ran 30 yards for a touchdown.

After trading possessions, the Brownies would score late in the third quarter with a pass from quarterback Mike Basile to Mo-

rassi for 18 yards. After another quick turnover, Morassi would make a 39-yard run for a touchdown.

Minnechaug's offense continued to be put down, and Nick Stacy would finish off another scoring drive with a three-yard run.

Morassi had another big performance with 206 yards rushing and another 105 yards on five receptions. Durocher would run for 45 yards and Anthony Adams had 37 yards on the ground. Basile would go 5-for-11 passing for 116 yards.

Modestow had a 12-for-22 night for Minnechaug, passing for 160 yards and one touchdown. Whitley had four catches for 94 yards. Minnechaug's running game was significantly limited, with Max Macero limited to just 34 yards. Modestow and Nate Conway each ran for 24 yards.

Coming up, the Brownies will have their second game at their new home and it will be a big one. Agawam will host Chicopee Comprehensive, the team that defeated them in the Division 4 final last season. Minnechaug will visit Central this week. Both games are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.



The Brownies and Falcons line up for a play. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Chris Morassi looks up the field for an opening.



Two Brownies converge on a tackle.



Aiden Page attempts a point-after field goal.

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momentum continued to grow and while Tantasqua had a couple of chances on Agawam's end during the second half, they were not able to get a lot of quality shots on goal.

Their defense, however, kept them in the game, denying Agawam several times in the second despite continuous pressure by the Brownies.

"Tantasqua brings a good program," said Gomez. "We knew that they were going to be a very tough independent game."

Agawam goalie Nikki Bates would make

seven saves and got the shutout victory.

Agawam improves to 8-2-1 for the regular season, need just one more point to officially qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

After facing South Hadley Tuesday afternoon, the Brownies will face Northampton at home on Friday afternoon, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. The Brownies have a huge matchup against Minnechaug on Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. The two teams battled to a scoreless tie on Sept. 13.

Agawam has won five straight games.

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time was 19:34 and Agawam had a 1-0 lead. It would be the only goal they would need.

In the 20th, O'Brien was on goal from 12 yards and two minutes after that, Sarah Carron had her 22 yarder blocked by Zip-pin. There were no more shots until the 35th minute. Maddie Sanborn was blocked by Berthiaume from 20 and Grasso was wide left from 15. Laura Alexander's 25 yarder went wide left in the 39th minute.

Though the second half started slowly, there was actually more action in the second half, but no more scoring. Both keepers were kept busy with shots. The Falcons got the first shot, that coming in the fourth minute. Katie Shea was on goal from 15 yards and Caitlin Normoyle made the save. In the 110th minute, Elizabeth Christman was stopped by Normoyle from 18 yards. A minute later, the Brownies had their first shot, a 12 yarder by Alyssa Montagna saved by Zippin. In the 13th, Howard was wide right from 12 and a minute after that, Zippin stopped a ten yarder by Mia

Kelley. Another minute later, Christman was on goal from ten yards at the other end and in the 16th, Carron hit the crossbar from 15 yards.

Howard and Christman had a pair of shots in the 24th. Howard was wide left from 20 and Christman was on goal from nearly the same spot. Montagna got blocked by Zippin in the 27th from 12 yards. There was more action in the final ten minutes. Natalie Pullen was on goal in the 30th from ten and at the Agawam end, in the 32nd, Howard was stopped by Normoyle from 25. A minute later, Shea was wide right from 18 yards. Howard, again was on goal from 15 in the 36th minute and seconds later in the 37th, Carron was wide left. Allie Wysocki nearly got one past Zippin in the 39th from 18 yards, but Zippin made the save.

For the game, Minnechaug had 15 shots to 12 for Agawam. Zippin had eight saves, while Normoyle tallied five in the second half and Berthiaume, three in the first.

U14 team wins title



The Agawam United Boys U14 Team won the Paul Cody Memorial Columbus Day Tournament in Windsor, Conn. With an undefeated 5-0 record. The boys scored 29 goals with only one goal being scored on them. The team is coached by Joe Balzano and Doug Gilbert. Players are, back row: Tim Polevoy, Colin Shlosser, Jack Sweeney, Billy Balzano, Connor Twohig, Vladislav Zimokha and Joshua Bouchard. Middle row: Josh Privedenyuk, Ryan Butler, Ryan Gilbert and Evan Lang. Front row: Danny Harpin, Noah Britton, Joe Glaessner, Justin Davis and Brandon Spaulding. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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Modern and antique tractors shared a field at Cecchi Farms this past Saturday for the second annual tractor show.



Antique equipment takes the field

By Mike Lydick
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The second annual tractor show hosted by Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills was the perfect event for families and tractor enthusiasts this past Saturday.

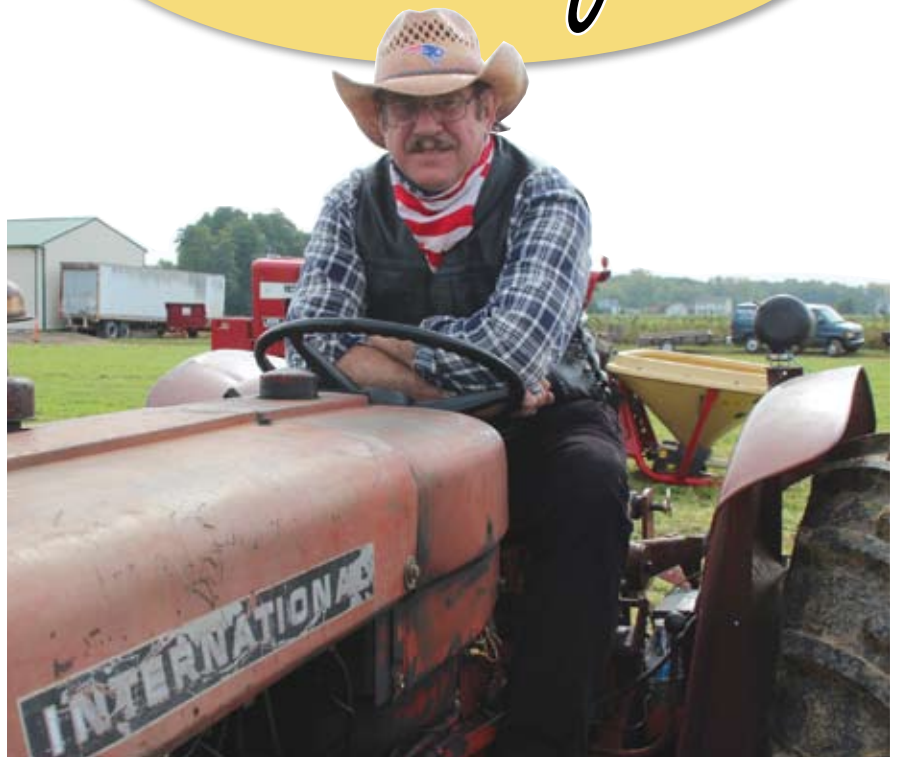
While some of the equipment lined up in a field off of Springfield Street had been restored for show, the majority of the more than two dozen tractors — many of them antiques with names like Farmall, Ford, International Harvester, John Deere, and McCormick-Deering — still see regular use.

"Some of these machines are pretty old — but farmers keep them running because they play an important part of their farms," said David Cecchi, the show's organizer and a board member of the Agawam Historical Association.

Visitors paid a \$2 admission fee that benefited the historical association. In addition to the antique tractors, several vintage trucks and restored farm implements were on display this year.

Four-year-old Tyler Anderson of Agawam looks like a future farmer as he sits on an antique lawn tractor. This tractor, built by Hiller during the mid-1950s with a 1-cylinder, 17-hp engine, was one of the smallest tractors at this year's show.

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Agawam farmer Carl Karolinski, whose farm borders Cecchi Farms, where the show was held, sits atop his 1966 International Harvester Model 424 diesel that is still in regular use.



Al Longhi's International McCormick-Deering Cub tractor looks new, but it's nearly 70 years old. He's owned the 1947 tractor for 50 years and still uses it around his farm.



Feeding Hills residents Jim and Rosa Parolo admire a 1937 Ford pickup truck at the tractor show.



Alice Smith, a member of Agawam Historical Association, talks with Al Fini about his 1945 Farmall, which was originally owned by Smith's parents. Fini still uses the tractor, which sold for \$750 when new.



Chloe Anderson of Agawam, 7, was checking out the pumpkins in the bed of this 1947 Ford stake truck owned by Cecchi Farms.

Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, Oct. 14

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY to host professional wrestling three-time world champion Bob Backlund at the Suffield Senior Center, 145 Bridge St., at 7 p.m. Free admission. To register, visit suffield-library.org or call 860-668-3896.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ITALIAN CINEMA at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. will feature "The Orange Thief" by Vinnie Angel, Boogie Dean and Arthur Wilinski. It is in Italian with English subtitles. Doors open at 6 p.m.; movie will start at 6:30 p.m. Free for members; \$5 for non-members, includes beverage and snack.

Saturday, Oct. 15

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GUILD VENDORS FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL DAY at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$3 per item; two for \$5. For more information, call 413-569-6362.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM at 35 Elm St. will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.com, webs.com or follow it on Facebook.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway.

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 745 Main St., Agawam. Juried crafters, raffle table, bookstore and café.

SALMON BROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FALL FLEA MARKET from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments available for purchase. Salmon Brook Historical Society is at 208 Salmon St., Granby, Conn.

FALL ROAST PORK DINNER at Copper Hill United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under the age of 12, and free for preschoolers. For reservations, call Judy at 860-668-7953. The church is at 27 Copper Hill, E. Granby, Conn.

THE SNOWMOBILE SUPERSTORE SLED EXPO today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$8; children under 12 free.

Monday, Oct. 17

BOOK FOLDING WORKSHOP for adults at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. at 6:30 p.m. All materials included. Space is limited. To register, call 413-789-1550 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

COLOR, CHAT AND COOKIES adult group will meet for an evening of relaxation and no stress at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. All

materials provided by the library. Participants may bring their own colored pencils, etc. if they wish. No registration required.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB will meet at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. with a social and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Please use the back entrance.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

SALLY KILLIPS, WELL KNOWN ARTIST AND GARDENER, will present "Gardens Under Glass" at 7 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. She will focus on terrariums. Free and open to all.

SOUTHWICK HISTORIAN PAT ODIORNE will lead "Lunch for the Mind" in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark at 12:30 p.m. at the Granby Senior Center, 15 N. Granby Road, Granby, Conn. Registration encouraged, at 860-844-5352. Cost is \$5 to attend. Participants should bring their own lunch; beverage and a dessert will be provided.

NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS today through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. No admission.

Thursday, Oct. 20

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Witches in Connecticut" featuring Jenny Steadman, PhD, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Oct. 21

HOMEWARD VETS will host the first Dog Tag Dash 5K Fun Run-Walk at School Street Park in Agawam. Family-friendly event with activities for children. An obstacle course free for kids under the age of 10. To register, visit www.runreg.com/dogtagdash.

TALES FROM HAUNTED NEW ENGLAND, 7 to 8 p.m., in the Storowton Village Meetinghouse on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$5; under 6 free.

ALBANY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW today and tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mallary East and West on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Saturday, Oct. 22

CRAFT AND ANTIQUE FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Regional School, 93 Feeding Hills Road. Proceeds to benefit school Europe trip. For more information contact Caren Harrington at the school, 413-569-6171.

Sunday, Oct. 23

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB's semi-annual Coin Show takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dante Club, 1108 Memorial Ave., West Springfield across from the grounds of the Big E. For more information, contact Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

TROY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mallary East and West on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

PROFESSIONAL BEATLES MUSIC SCHOLAR Aaron Krewrowicz will present "The Beatles: Band of the Sixties," at 6:45 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95

Feeding Hills Road. Funded by the Friends of the Southwick Library.

WEST OF THE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host Food Fest West from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Tickets are \$25 in advance at www.westoftheriverchamber.com, or \$35 at the door. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Thursday, Oct. 27

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Garry Brown's Greatest Hits" featuring Garry Brown, longtime local sports editor, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Oct. 28

LOCAL ARTIST DENISE GRIFFIN will offer an adult watercolor painting workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Southwick Public Library's Community Room, 95 Feeding Hills Road.. \$15 per person, with a portion to be donated to the library. All necessary materials provided.

Saturday, Oct. 29

HAUNTED HOUSE at Heritage Woods Senior Living from 2 to 4 p.m. at 462 Main St., Agawam. Children are welcome to wear costumes and take a walk through the haunted house. For more information, call 413-786-9704 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

COFFEE WITH MAYOR COHEN from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Hosted by West of the River Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

THE DIVERSITY SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with featured speaker John B. Herrington, astronaut and retired U.S. Navy commander, at 10 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with MB Caschetta, renowned author of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender literature, at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7

p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

Saturday, Nov. 19

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162. The church is at 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick.

ALL-DAY CARD WORKSHOP to benefit the Westfield Athenaeum at the Central Baptist Church, 115 Elm St., Westfield from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All materials provided. Advance registration required. Participants should bring their own lunch, or money to order from Two Rivers Burritos. To register, contact Sandra at stampinsandra@comcast.net.

Saturday, Dec. 3

ANNUAL HOLLY BAZAAR at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is open every Thursday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 6. Free parking available. ADA accessible. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, honey and bee products, goats' meat and milk products, baked goods, wine, wood crafts, dairy and more. SNAP customers receive up to \$10 match in purchasing benefit weekly.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 17: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, apples.
Tuesday, Oct. 18: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, apricots.
Wednesday, Oct. 19: Country broccoli soup, meatball grinder, three-bean salad, pudding.
Thursday, Oct. 20: Kielbasa, pierogi, cabbage, baked good.
Friday, Oct. 21: Tuna broccoli casserole, spinach salad, mixed fruit.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct. 17: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weeklong tag sale in the dining room. 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 2 p.m., monthly day dance; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6 p.m., seminar with John Dee (dining room).
Tuesday, Oct. 18: S.H.I.N.E representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; noon, ladies only

billiards; 12:30 p.m., movie ("Hocus Pocus"), Mah Jongg; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 6:30 p.m., Agawam Junior Women's Club meeting.
Wednesday, Oct. 19: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor (coffee shop); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold, Tobacco Valley Artists meeting; Pioneer Valley Quilters meet (Garden Room).
Thursday, Oct. 20: 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice (subject to change); 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.
Friday, Oct. 21: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., Let's Paint; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker; 4-7 p.m., Swinging Senior Social.

Legals

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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(413)748-7758**

Docket No. **HD16C0184CA**

**In the matter of:
Ava Lee Skowron
Of: Agawam, MA
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Krista L Sirois** requesting that: **Ava Lee Skowron** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Ava Lee Sirois

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appear-

ance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 10/31/2016.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of

this Court.

Date: October 3, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

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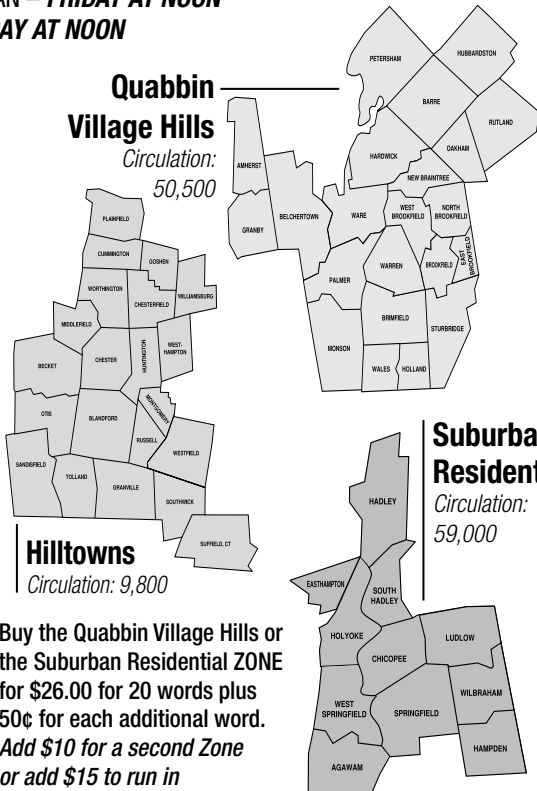
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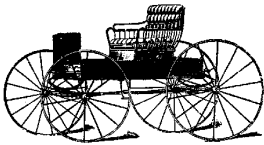
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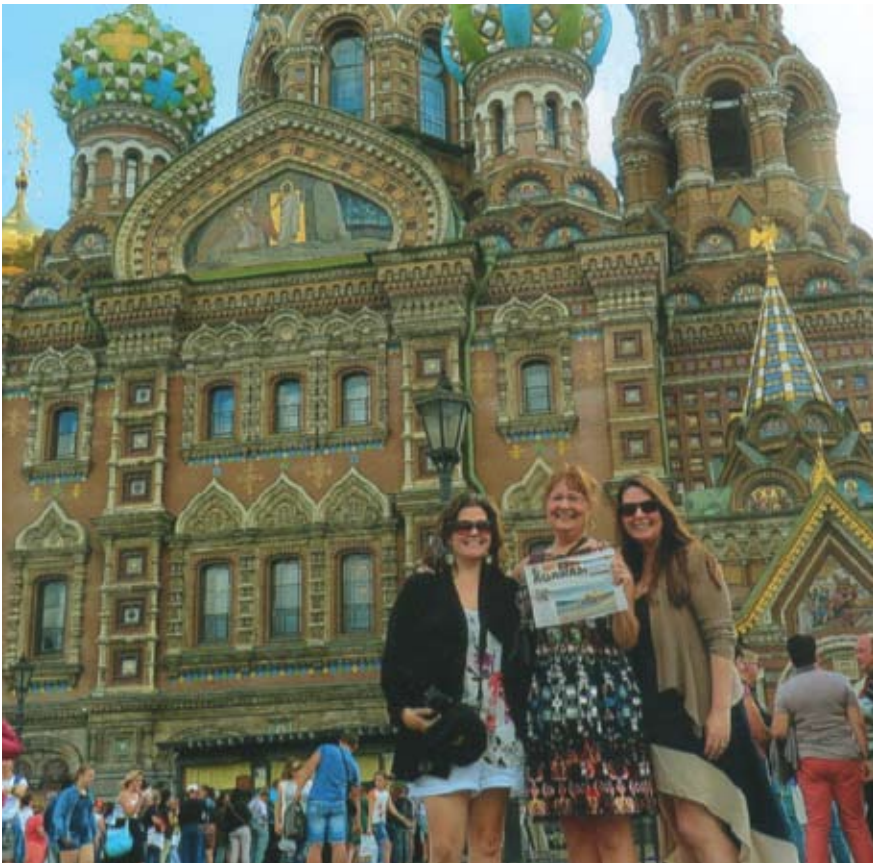
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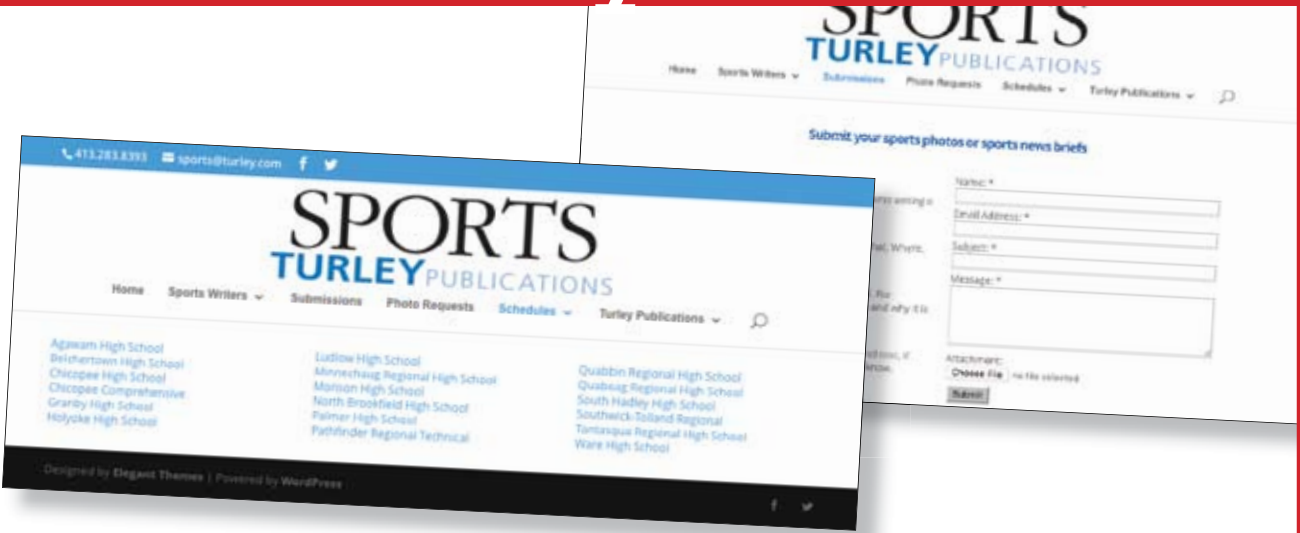
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